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San Diego Public Library

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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY
WEEK APRIL 10-16**

This Year's Theme is "Create your own story @ your library®"

San Diego, CA...Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new computer skills or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins. This National Library Week, join our nation's libraries and librarians and *Create your own story @ your library*.

The San Diego Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with contests, events and activities that showcase the positive impact the library's staff and resources have on the San Diego community. For kids and teens there will be a system-wide, "Tell Us About Your Librarian" contest with 12 Jamba Juice gift cards awarded as prizes. Adults will be challenged to a "Guess That Library" online contest with dining experience gift cards for contest winners.

In the spirit of this year's *Create your own story* theme, Library users are encouraged to:

- Use Digital Storytelling Stations to recount their experiences through sight and sound.
- Research the library's literally millions of genealogy records, indexes, and databases to trace their family roots.
- Create and share their stories about what the library means to them through the San Diego Library Foundation's "*What's Your Story?*" campaign.

Library Week featured events include:

- **Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.**
Central Library – 3rd Floor Wangenheim Room
Immigrant & Refugee Writers Panel
Prominent San Diego writers discuss writing from the immigrant and refugee perspective.
- **Tuesday, April 12, 4:00 p.m.**
Carmel Valley Branch
Afternoon Storytime
- **Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.**
Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch
Kids Night with Hopscotch Tiny Tots

- **Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.**
Mission Hills Branch
Pajama Storytime
- **Wednesday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.**
Balboa Branch
Preschool Storytime
- **Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.**
Central Library – 3rd Floor Auditorium
Screening of *Digital Stories*
The theme of the stories is “the importance of memory” *and* will feature digital stories produced and directed by the students from the School of Digital Media & Design at Kearny High School.
- **Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.**
Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch
Make Your Own Square Knot Bracelet
- **Thursday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.**
Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch
Cowboy Bob
- **Thursday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.**
Ocean Beach Branch
Storytime
- **Thursday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.**
Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch
Storytime
- **Friday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.**
Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch
Grandma Patti Storytime
- **Friday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.**
Ocean Beach Branch
Storytime

- **Friday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.**
Carmel Valley Branch
Infant Toddler Storytime
- **Friday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.**
Mission Hills Branch
Preschool Storytime
- **Friday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.**
Skyline Hills Branch
Preschool Storytime
- **Friday, April 15, 11:00 a.m.**
Carmel Valley Branch
Preschool Storytime
- **Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.**
Mission Hills Branch
Children's Craft Time
- **Saturday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.**
University Heights Branch
Build Your Own Bookmarks
- **Saturday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.**
Balboa Branch
Preschool Storytime
- **Saturday, April 16, 12:00 p.m.**
Balboa Branch
Craft Time
- **Saturday, April 16, 1:00 p.m.**
Carmel Valley Branch
Storytime (by 7 year old boy, Amal):
Lion Teaches a Bear about Reuse, Reduce, Recycle

- **April 10th – April 16th**

Central – Children’s Room and Teen Space

Get to know your Library Staff

Find the librarian names in the puzzle, and turn it in. If you get them all correct, you’ll get a special prize.

“Every day, libraries across the country are helping people create their own unique stories,” says Library Director Deborah Barrow. “Whether it is by opening a book and exploring distant lands, or by learning how to use new technologies to find a job, people at our library are creating new stories for themselves.”

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information about Library Week events and programs, or to learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, visit the library’s website at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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